Specialists, Doctors and thirty beds to serve as a referral institution to cover eighty thousand to one lakh twenty thousand population.

Further, relaxation is being given for establishing a Sub-centre, PHC where tribal inhabitation is more than five kilometer away from a Health Delivery Centre.

The Health infrastructure comprising a number of sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres set up as per above norms cater to the health needs of the people. In addition, in order to controteradicate major communicable/non-communicable diseases as well as to implement various Family Welfare Schemes, including Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Scheme, Central assistance is given to the states for providing health care services to the people.

Confirmation of Doctors under C.G.H.S..

7299. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors of Indian system of Medicine under C.G.H.S. have not been confirmed in their present grades even after rendering service for a period of more than 12 years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to confirm these doctors without further loss of time to safeguard their career interests?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The doctors of Indian System of Medicine could not be considered for confirmation earlier as the old Recruitment Rules for different categories of posts in the Indian System of Medicine were being reviewed for making uniform Recruitment Rules tor all such posts. The consolidated recruitment Rules of all Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy posts under C.G.H.S. have since been approved by the Union Public Service Commission and will be notified after being vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Steps will thereafter be taken to consider these doctors for confirmation.

Autonomous status of AIIMS

7300. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether autonomous status of AIIMS under the provisions of AIIMS Act, 1956 has been diluted;

(b) whether such a dilution has resulted in flouting the provisions of the said Act to accommodate anybody on the membership of the Institute Body; and

(c) if not, under what provision(s) of the said Act, Secretary, Department of Health, Government of India is continuing as a member of AIIMS Institute Body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Shri M.S. Dayal, Secretary, Department of Health was nominated by the Central Government as a member of the AIIMS Institute Body under Section 4(e) of the AIIMS Act, 1956.

Supply of sub-standard Unani medicines to C.G.H.S.

7301. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 242 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Sadar Dawakhana, Delhi, Ashoka